



SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2014
A Hike Through History on the
Civil War Defenses of Washington Trail for the
150th Anniversary of Battle of Fort Stevens

American Hiking Society (AHS) and the National Park Service (NPS) will be leading a ***Hike Through History*** from Battery Kemble to Fort Stevens to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens and to showcase the Civil War Defenses of Washington (CWDW) Trail, which is an important segment of the Congressionally-designated Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST).

- RSVP:** Call Dara Zaleski, AHS at 301.565.6704 x204 or dzaleski@americanhiking.org
- When:** Saturday, July 12, 2014, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- Where:** 5.0 mile Hike, beginning at Battery Kemble (see below) through Rock Creek Park and ending up at Fort Stevens. Carpooling back to Battery Kemble parking area from Fort Stevens will be provided at 2:00 pm by AHS.
- Who:** Free to all hikers, young and old who are able to hike on dirt paths with some rocks and inclines over a total of 5 miles, rain or shine. A great family hike! No pets, please.
- Conditions:** 2/3 of the hike is under shaded tree canopy, 1/3 in open sun. 3.5 miles on dirt paths With some inclines, 1.5 miles on paved trail or streets
- What to Bring:** Good hiking shoes, water, lunch and snacks, hat, bug repellent, rain jacket or umbrella

Detailed instructions:

1. AHS will provide CWDW Trail maps and the CWDW Hiker Guidebook just published by AHS and NPS.
2. 8:30 am: Assemble at Battery Kemble, which is located on Chain Bridge Road, NW in Washington, DC, just off of Nebraska Ave, NW, adjacent to where Foxhall Road north ends at Nebraska Ave., just SW of American University (<https://www.google.com/maps/@38.9295107,-77.0929826,16z>).
3. NPS will reserve 10-12 parking spaces for our hiking group, and hikers will be shuttled back to Battery Kemble at 2:00 pm from Fort Stevens. CARPOOLING TO BATTERY KEMBLE IS ESSENTIAL.
4. 9:00 am: The *Hike through History* will be led by AHS staff and possibly joined by an NPS Ranger. We will hike 0.5 miles from Battery Kemble through Wesley Heights Park into Glover Archbold Park to connect with the CWDW trail, where we will turn left and go north towards Fort Reno.
5. We will hike north along this stretch of the CWDW Trail, which is also called the Foundry Trail, crossing Massachusetts Avenue and continuing through Glover Archbold Park, then out onto a side street to Connecticut Ave. and the Tenleytown/AU Metro.
6. From the Tenleytown Metro, take Albemarle St NW, then turn left and continue on 40th Street, NW, cross Chesapeake St, NW and we have arrived at Fort Reno.

7. Fort Reno was built in 1861 and originally named Fort Pennsylvania, but renamed for Major General Jesse Lee Reno. Occupying the highest ground in Washington (409 feet above sea level), it became the largest and most heavily-armed fort protecting Washington during the Civil War.
8. From Fort Reno, we hike $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north on Nebraska Ave., turn right on Military Road ($\frac{3}{4}$ mile), then go left at Fort DeRussy sign on up the paved trail. We hike past Fort DeRussy, turn left, and then turn right at the next fork in the trail.
9. **NOTE: Public restrooms are available at the Rock Creek Nature Center.**
10. Cross Rock Creek by bridge, continue on paved trail, just after the Military Road overpass, cross Beach Drive and enter Valley Trail (look for trailhead marker and BLUE Blaze). Turn right at junction, follow BLUE blazes.
11. Turn right at trail junction, for Whittier Trail and follow YELLOW blazes uphill eventually leading out to 16th Street.
12. Exit trail, turn right on 16th Street and continue south for 0.6 miles on 16th Street. Turn left and continue 0.4 miles on Military Road, then turn left on 13th Street, NW for 0.19 mile, with Fort Stevens on our right. Up the hill to the Fort Stevens festivities!
13. Fort Stevens is located at 13th and Quackenbos Street, NW (also known as Elizabeth Thomas Way)
14. 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens Commemorative Activities (Civil War re-enactors, living history demos, live period music, and 19th century children's games and crafts, AHS booth with Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail and Civil War Defenses of Washington maps and info).
15. 2:00 pm, AHS will provide shuttle service to any hikers who need to get back to their cars parked at Battery Kemble.

